with the Central Plan Assistance and actual energy consumption in the State of the region for previous five years, the two factors being given equal weightage. The Gadgil formula which forms the basis of Central Plan Assistance to the States, in its different modified forms, has been giving weightage to the population to the extent of 60 to 70%. According to the latest modification of the Gadgil formula, weightage to population in the Central Plan Assistance is 60%. Since the formula is also based on the actual consumption of energy, it indirectly takes care of the surplus power in certain States which is sold to deficit States for consumption.

It has been decided by the Government in April, 2000 to treat the existing "Formula" for allocation of power to the StatesUTs from new Central Sector power stations as "guidelines" so as to link the allocation of power with their need and capacity to pay. However, there is no change in the contents of the formula and it does not disturb the allocation already made from the Central Sector power stations. Under the "guidelines" power from the new Central Sector power stations will be made to the States/UTs as per their entitlement subject to the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) to be signed by them with the CPSUs concerned. No further review of the "guidelines" is presently envisaged.

Dispute over the Power Plant Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. between Jharkhand and Bihar

402. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an impasse over the power plant Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. between Jharkhand and Bihar and it is likely to be intensified as Bihar Government has threatened to move to the court on the issue;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is the responsibility of

the Union Government to settle the dispute within a year as per the provision of Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000; and

(c) if so, what action has so far been taken by the Central Government to put the deadlock to an end?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As per provisions of Section 47(1) of the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000, the assets and liabilities relating to any commercial or industrial undertaking of the existing State of Bihar shall pass to the State in which the undertaking is located. Jharkhand Government has issued a notification dated 27.2.2001 taking over the Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed against the Union of India and Others in the Patna High Court for quashing the notification dated 27.2.2001 issued by the Government of Jharkhand, whereby Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. was notified as an undertaking of the State of Jharkhand. However, the High Court in its judgement dated 27.6.2001 has dismissed the PIL.

(b) and (c) For apportionment of assets and liabilities to make the new Jharkhand State Electricity Board functional, Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by clause (a) of sub section (4) of Section 62 of the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000 has notified order on 22nd March, 2001 for provisional allocation of assets, liabilities, rights and undertaking of the existing Board between Boards of Bihar and Jharkhand with effect from 1.4.2001.

Power deficit States in the country

403. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power deficit States in the country;

(b) whether Ministry has directed the Central Electrcity Authority (CEA) to initiate discussion with the power deficit States;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Electricity Authority in this regard; and